

**Examples of Open-Ended (FAT) Questions and Close Reading
(support with evidence from the text)**

1. Why do you suppose (character from the story) did what he or she did?
2. Why do you suppose the author did...?
3. What do you think might happen next?
4. What would you ask (a certain character)?
5. What do you think the author (or character) means by (words/sentences from the text)?
6. If you were (a certain character), what would you do next? Why?
7. Would you have done the same thing (a certain character) did? Why?
8. What surprised you about this story? About (a certain character)?
9. What is really important about this story? Why?
10. What does this story make you wonder about?
11. What does this story remind you of from your own life?
12. What other books or stories does this story remind you of?
13. What did you like about the story? Why?
14. What would you ask the author?
15. Why do you suppose the author chose to write this story?
16. Why do you think the author wrote the story the way (s)he did?
17. Why to you think the author chose the title (s)he did?
18. What will you remember about the story tomorrow or when you tell someone about it?
19. What is the story underneath the story?
20. What is the story's theme?